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For: GREEN-COMPACT ELECTRODE FOR DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT,  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT AND METHOD OF RECYCLING  
GREEN-COMPACT ELECTRODE FOR DISCHARGE SURFACE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. GB 828 336

2. DE 197 01 170 A1

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicants are submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The USPTO is directed

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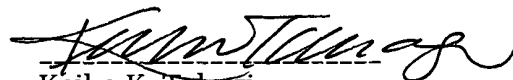
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and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy (and translation) of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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